

# Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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# LAPLAND ROSEBAY

(*Rhododendron lapponicum*)

**Federal Status:** Not Listed

**State Status:** Endangered

## **Description:**

Lapland rosebay is a small (4 to 12 inches tall), scraggly evergreen shrub. The upper surface of the dark green leaves is dotted with waxy scales. Showy, pink-violet azalea-like blossoms



appear in June. In the center of each flower is a cluster of bright yellow anthers.

**Habitat:** Lapland rosebay has been found in only two sites in southwestern Wisconsin, and both of these sites are shaded sandstone cliffs. The shrub sprawls along the rock face, its roots reaching into crevices in the rock to gain support, moisture and nutrients.



**Forestry Considerations:** Trees in the immediate vicinity of this plant that shade the cliffs where it grows should not be harvested. Using single-tree selection silviculture in adjacent forests probably would be compatible with this shrub. Care should be taken to avoid physical damage to the cliffs where the Lapland rosebay occurs.

